

Nuclear Colonialism

Proponents of a nuclear-free Pacific are looking with alarm as the U.S. and France extend their influence in Fiji and Micronesia.

The Commonwealth withdrew aid to Fiji after 1987's coups and France is providing an aid grant of A\$17.9 million for local development. A mixture of grants and bank credits, much is expected to go to the sugar and tourism industries. No military assistance demanded by Fiji has been forthcoming. Brigadier Rabuka has formally relinquished control to a civilian government, but retains the powerful Ministry for Home Affairs and the army remains in control of *Radio Fiji*.

The presence of Australian and U.S. naval fleets in Fiji at the time of the coup which deposed the anti-nuclear Labour coalition may be a coincidence, but there are reports that C.I.A.-trained specialists were flown in to execute the coup.

The U.S. is also extending its influence in Papua Niugini. Green Beret "special advisors" are already training and directing local troops, as refugees continue to cross the Irian Jaya/P.N.G. border. Incursions by Indonesian forces are increasing in number and scale.

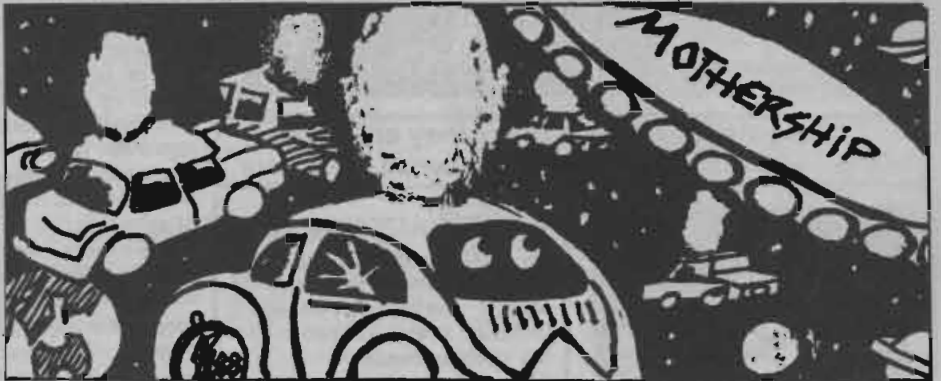
Belau Fights for Nuclear-Free Constitution

Micronesia, the last remaining U.N. Trust Territory, is the ONLY one not to gain full independence from the administering authority - the U.S.

The republic of Belau (*Palau*), with a population of 15,000, has struggled for full independence since 1979 when it drew up its constitution. To the alarm of US officials, Article XIII Section 6 stated: "*Harmful substances such as nuclear, chemical, gas or biological weapons intended for use in warfare, nuclear power plants, and waste materials therefrom, shall not be used, tested, stored or disposed of within the territorial jurisdiction of Palau, without the express approval of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast in a referendum submitted on this specific question.*"

Since then a number of referenda have been held, with the US insisting on making the Palauans vote and vote again, until they vote to allow the US continued nuclear access to the islands. Until then the US won't allow the Constitution to be passed. They have used a wide array of "dirty tricks" to influence voters, including misleading information and the intimidation and murder of proponents of the nuclear-free Constitution.

Nullarbor UFO



A family car was lifted off the Eyre Highway by a bright white, egg-shaped object with a yellow centre near the Western/South Australia border on January 20th.

At 5.30am Faye Knowles, 48, and her three sons were driving from Perth to Melbourne in a Ford Telstar when they swerved to miss a large glowing object on the road about 40km west of Mundrabilla. The Telstar was chased at speeds of up to 200km/h by the object.

"A bright light appeared behind us so we stopped to investigate," said Sean Knowles. "It gave us a shock so we ran back through the bushes."

Telstar Lifted

Sean, 21, told police: "Mum was flooring it along the highway. We were doing about 110 [kph] when it came over us and suddenly lifted the car off the road. We felt the thump on the roof and then it started lifting us. We were frightened and began to yell but our voices had changed." Their voices became distorted and everything seemed to happen in slow motion.

Mrs Knowles reached out of the car and placed her hand on the object, telling her sons that it felt like a rubber suction pad, and pulled her hand back quickly. The UFO dropped the car back onto the road, ripping off a roofrack and causing a rear tyre to blow out. The family ran into the bushes and hid for 30 minutes, then returned to repair the tyre - but couldn't find a suitcase stored on the roofrack.

The Knowles sped off until they reached a roadhouse at Mundrabilla. There they met a truck driver who told them (and later police) that he'd been followed west along the highway by a bright glowing object less than an hour earlier. The family then drove 600km non-stop to Ceduna in South Australia and informed police. A team of detectives sent samples of black ash which coated the outside

of the car to the Forensic Science Centre, who pronounced it was burned rubber particles.

Independent Sightings

A sighting also came from fishermen 100km away. Senior Sgt Jim Furnell in charge of Ceduna Police told reporters: "Another report came in from the pilot of a tuna spotting plane flying over the Great Australian Bight. He saw the object over the sea and saw it sit above a trawler below.

"The trawler crew have since told how they were disturbed by the bright light, came out on deck but could not speak properly. When the object disappeared they went straight to the marine radio to report what had happened."

The object was observed by the Knowles for about ninety minutes, and if independently sighted in the Bight it's impossible to explain the sighting as 'dry lightning', a meteoroid shower or refraction of distant lights.

An interesting coincidence is that 24 hours later the greatest series of earthquakes in Australia's history began near Tennant Creek. Long-lasting balls of plasma caused by static charges have often been observed prior to quakes. Ionised gases would explain voice changes.

Another terrestrial explanation is a secret military weapon (the Knowles' sighting was very close to a vast joint US-British military landholding covering most of the Great Victoria Desert).

This was the third UFO incident in the Nullarbor in the past month. Two of them were reported as 'egg-shaped'. The third, a week before the Knowles' sighting, was by a woman motorist near the Eyre Highway outside Mundrabilla who reported seeing a bright light shaped like an "electric light globe".

Who knows? Perhaps it's the Wandjini - Aboriginal Dreamtime spirits who've awed humans in the area for tens of millenia =

THE TWILITE ZONE



Some stories just won't die - they enter the Twilite Zone. We hope you have a sense of humour...



KAL-EL CRASHLANDS

Soviet geologist Dalan Namnandorj witnessed a UFO explosion and later discovered a Chinese search party had found a pod ejected from the UFO before impact, he reported recently.

"I kept hearing them talking about the creature they could see frantically squirming through the clear panel on the egg-shaped craft", Namnandorj said. The unopened pod was driven in an armoured vehicle to an undisclosed spot.

Colonel Gennadi Volkov, a Soviet military-intelligence officer, claims that the Chinese are holding an injured alien baby at an army base near the Mongolian border. Soviet researchers believe that the baby may be the result of alien-human cross-breeding.

Col. Volkov said "We have offered the Chinese any technical assistance they may need, but they keep denying any knowledge of either a crash or a surviving infant." According to Volkov, Chinese government officials will soon be seeking help from medical specialists in the US. "They know, and we know, the US has had experience with such things before," he said.

- The Examiner, USA

COLD FACTS OF LIFE

*A Brooklyn woman aged 55 who had been missing since August, was found by her son in October. She was frozen solid in the kitchen freezer.

*When his wife died of cancer in 1984, Dr Raymond Martinot of Largo, Florida, had her body chemically treated and put in a custom-built freezer. He planned to keep her until medical technology had advanced to the stage when she could be thawed out and treated.

However, during a long power blackout due to a wild electrical storm in the Largo area, Dr Martinot's plans were thwarted. By the time the power came back on, his wife's body had already thawed out and rotted.

*A new way of freezing loved ones has been developed by an American undertaker that reduces body mass without cremation.

According to the Morticians' Journal, the body is cooled by liquid nitrogen to minus 100 degrees centigrade. The rock-hard body is then smashed by an automatic hammer into pieces half an inch in size.

All the fluid is then removed from the particles by freeze-drying, reducing them to 5% of their original weight. The remains can be stored in an urn.



CHEEKY'S RADICAL PARTY

Italy's Radical Party are none too pleased with their representative to the Chamber of Deputies, the porn star Cicciolina. Her philosophy of sexual liberation is not shared by feminists and her performances on stage have outraged the Italian Friends of the Earth who say that her intimacy with a python is a maltreatment of animals.

Her victory show featuring an act called "Perversion" was two-thirds filled by the Italian press corps, each paying over \$A50 to attend. Her act featured masturbation and simulated bestiality. She asked the audience if she was offending their sense of modesty, a reference to the penal code.

When the answer came back "No!" she mounted the stage, leaned over its edge, and sent a "golden shower" over the front row of reporters, ruining one's camera in the process.

Cicciolina is now studying the Italian Constitution.

- Reuters

POLITICS & RELIGION

When the Italian government granted Vatican Radio four FM broadcasting bands that were already occupied, listeners were treated to a battle of the airwaves in which the broadcast fluctuated between Mantovani music and Radical Party news.

One broadcast told how chemical contamination of the environment by a pharmaceutical firm in northern Italy caused the pasta on Italian family dinner tables to turn blue in front of their eyes. After 30 seconds the broadcast switched to Vatican Radio, playing *When You Wish Upon a Star*.

- The Guardian

WEAVING THE WEAVER

47-year-old Paul Thomas, co-owner of a wool mill in Thompson, Connecticut, was working on a machine that wound yarn from a large spool to a smaller one when he fell onto the small spool. By the time his body was discovered by employees he had been wrapped in about 800 yards of wool and been suffocated.

X-RAY VISION

A Soviet woman has reportedly developed X-ray vision after suffering a severe electric shock. Yuliya Vorolyeva was unable to sleep for six days after 380 volts had passed through her body - somehow granting her new power.

"At the bus stop one morning I was horrified to see right through one of my friends, as though she were a fishbowl. I can also see soil beneath asphalt on a road." Several Soviet doctors are also impressed with Yuliya's ability to diagnose even the rarest of illnesses. The *Izvestia* correspondent was amazed when she told him that she saw a light red liquid in his stomach, and was correct in stating that he had eaten Kisel, a starchy red jelly.

Colin Wilson, author of many popular books on the occult, says that Uri Geller developed his psychic powers at the age of five after being knocked unconscious when he touched a blue electric spark on his mother's sewing machine.

- *Izvestia*



GUNS IN FUNLAND

The high crime rate has persuaded legislators in Florida, USA, to grant anyone the right to carry concealed pistols, knives, clubs, teargas guns and even to wear guns in plain view.

"Victims of crime must also have rights," explained State Representative for Florida Ronald Johnson, the chief advocate for the new gun laws.

But Florida's new laws have been outdone by the town of Kenneshaw in Georgia, which has passed an ordinance making it compulsory for every household in the town to keep a working firearm and ammunition on the premises.

Video Nasties 1

An American video company has brought out the ultimate product for those seeking "the full, rich experience of parenthood without the mess and inconvenience of the real thing". For \$US19.95 you can have *Video Baby*, 13 minutes of flawless, blue-eyed little girl with perfectly-shaped fingers, toes and smile. The soothing voice of the narrator invites you to "Call your Video Baby by name now. You'll know immediately if you've chosen a name your baby likes."

Peter Wild, chairman of Creative Programming Inc, which developed the video, said, "This is tailor-made for yuppies. This is enjoyment without commitment."

The video company has released similar products such as *Video Fireplace*, *Video Tropical Fish Tank*, *Video Dog* and two versions of *Video Cat*. Owners have to name Video Dog themselves, but the owner's manual provides some suggestions.



CROC STOCK POT

The Indian government has been raising crocodiles on a government farm in the State of southern Kerala and has decided to release them into the Ganges River, where millions bathe annually amid the pollution, in order to clean up the corpses and other pollution.

News for Bears

A Cessna 170 carrying 227 kg of moose meat was wrecked by a grizzly bear trying to get to its dinner. The plane, which was parked on a sandbar in the Innoko River in Alaska, had its fuselage bent and pilot Ed Gurtler, was forced to flee by boat. When Mr Gurtler returned the next morning, the moose meat had been reduced to 90 kg. Ed Gurtler would have done well to read the book *Bear Attacks: Their Cause and Avoidance*, written recently by two Alaskan scientists. The best defence is to make loud noises and fight back. Under no circumstances should you lie on the ground and play dead. Bears killed only 20 people in Alaska between 1900 and 1985.

- Reuters

However, the book is not yet available in Siberia where it is most needed. Hungry bears are killing and mauling people in Soviet settlements because they have been unable to gain enough fat to hibernate.

- Pravda

GREENING MALAYSIA

Datuk Rahman, a member of the Malaysian Parliament, has come up with a simple way for Malaysian farmers to cut grazing costs. To overcome a cow's choosiness over the quality of the grass it will eat, Rahman has suggested that all cows in Malaysia be made to wear green-coloured glasses. In this way, he told Parliament, even dying brown grass would look fresh and green, and the cow would eat it without reservation.

Video Nasties 2

When the death penalty was introduced in Texas in 1976, huge crowds gathered outside Huntsville State Prison to support capital punishment. But according to Jim Mattox, Texas Attorney General, executions have become so commonplace that they are losing their deterrent value - so he wants executions to be videotaped and sold to the public.

"For these things to be conducted in the still of the night with no crowds around, it is likely not to bring about the deterrent impact that people would like for it to have."

Uri Psychs Yuli

The US has been employing Uri Geller as a psychic weapon at the Geneva arms talks, supposedly beaming "peace messages" into the heads of the Soviet negotiators.

After he was introduced to chief Soviet negotiator Mr Yull Voronitsov, Geller immediately began to "transmit to him very beautiful peace thoughts".

Geller's meeting in Geneva was arranged the previous week when he briefed an extraordinary session of top senators, congressmen and the CIA. The meeting was organized by Senator Claiborne Pell who is interested in Soviet psychic research. Geller was introduced to Senator Pell in 1986 by Princess Michael of Kent.

Meanwhile, Avram Shifrin, former KGB informer and the only Israeli to testify in defence of John Demjanjuk, an alleged Nazi war criminal, told the trial that the Soviet Union has a top secret department of parapsychology designed to influence the minds of American officials by using talismans.

- British Sunday Times & others



TRUST US

Most of us think it's socially acceptable for politicians to lie, according to a report by Emeritus Professor John Barnes of the Australian National University.

Researching the "sociology of lying", he told the *ANU Reporter* that few politicians had been forced to resign because of broken promises. (Not long ago, *Psychology Today* carried out a survey among the American population to find out the level of trust in society. Politicians were only trusted by 18% of the population, but the least trusted group in society was found to be journalists - Ed)



DWARVES IN SPACE

Scientists trying to genetically engineer human mutants for their space programs have been saved the trouble by Larry Krimke of Cleveland, Ohio. Larry, a 3ft 8in dwarf, has been conducting his own one-man astronaut training course at his home for three years.

Larry, 23, spends several hours each week being tumbled around inside his domestic clothes dryer to simulate a spacecraft environment. He explains, "Eventually I'll be so good they'll have to take me. They already use monkeys the same size as me - and I'm more intelligent than any monkey."

If He's So Smart...

Mathematician Arnold Saylor of Tampa, Florida, is seeking a lobotomy so he can halve his IQ. Arnold, with an IQ of at least 230, said, "Intelligence is too great a cross for me to bear. All my intellect has brought me is broken marriages and a drinking problem. As far as I'm concerned, they can take as much of my brain as they like. All I want is to be an ordinary person and live an ordinary life. An IQ of 110 would suit me just fine."

A college graduate with an honours degree in mathematics at 11, he has lost 14 well-paid jobs with the US government and multinational firms and been hospitalised several times for chronic alcoholism.

An AMA spokesperson said: "It's definitely unethical and, as far as the law can be interpreted, it would also be illegal."